(b) if so, what are the details of this regard;

(c) what are the reasons for closing down these textile mills;

(d) how many workers working in these mills are likely to be affected and

(e) what is the manner in which these employees are likely to be absorbed elsewhere or the extent of compensation proposed to be given to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) No final decision has been taken to close down any NTC mills so far.

Solution of Punjab Problem

109. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to resume negotiations with Akali leaders on Punjab problem;

(b) whether Government propose to form a high power committee to study the various aspects of the problem for finding a peaceful solution; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) An 11-point Memorandum of Settlement on various Punjab issues had already been signed on 24-7-1985.

(b) and (c) A Group of Ministers headed by Minister of Human Resource Development and consisting of Home Minister and Minister of Communications has been set up to look into various issues in depth.

Formation of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh as one State

110. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh into one State; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a high-powered commission to look into this, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Pakistani infiltrators in Kutch

111. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani infiltrators are permanently settling down in Kutch;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) There is no information to suggest that Pakistani infiltrators are permanently settling down in the Kutch region of Gujarat. There are standing instructions to the State Governments to check, identify and take necessary action against the infiltrators under the law.